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WASHINGTON, August 2, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 28 totaled 344,868, up 3.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1989 but 0.7 percent below the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 6.3 percent in the West and 1.9 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 10,794 cars (8.9 percent). Part of that increase is due to the fact that many coal miners were striking at this time last year. Loadings of metallic ores were up 5,410 cars (26.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 30 weeks of 1990 totaled 10,132,615, up 1.5 percent from the comparable period of 1989.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 122,931 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 28, up 3.8 percent from the corresponding 1989 week.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of 1990 was 3,486,664 trailers and/or containers, 3.7 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 30 totaled 20.7 billion, up 5.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1990 was an estimated 598.9 billion ton-miles, up 4.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,376	26,641	-4.7 %	26,526	-4.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,066	958	11.3	1,202	-11.3
Metallic Ores	25,896	20,486	26.4	26,343	-1.7
Coal	132,280	121,486	8.9	132,052	.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,813	16,947	-.8	17,346	-3.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,371	10,477	-10.6	9,709	-3.5
Grain Mill Products	9,896	9,480	4.4	9,908	-.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,568	9,154	-6.4	8,608	-.5
Primary Forest Products	9,996	10,215	-2.1	10,207	-2.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,306	7,427	-15.1	6,367	-1.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,421	10,912	-4.5	10,399	.2
Chemicals	26,186	26,472	-1.1	27,634	-5.2
Petroleum Products	5,431	5,363	1.3	5,585	-2.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,424	11,004	-5.3	10,063	3.6
Coke	5,851	5,751	1.7	5,691	2.8
Metals & Products	9,884	9,650	2.4	9,645	2.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	15,777	13,914	13.4	15,169	4.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,610	8,316	3.5	8,447	1.9
All Other Carloads	6,716	7,128	-5.8	6,329	6.1
Total	**344,868**	**331,781**	**3.9 %**	**347,230**	**-.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 30 WEEKS ENDING JULY 28, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**344,868**	**331,781**	**3.9 %**	**10,132,815**	**9,966,081**	**1.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,424	67,343	-2.8	1,956,557	1,960,254	-.2
Containers	57,507	51,061	12.6	1,530,107	1,401,314	9.2
Total	**122,931**	**118,404**	**3.8**	**3,486,664**	**3,361,568**	**3.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.7**	**19.6**	**5.6 %**	**598.9**	**573.8**	**4.4 %**